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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, line 2, after "This application" insert is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application
Serial No. 09/071,120, filed May 4, 1998, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
INDEXING, SEARCHING AND DISPLAYING DATA, (which is hereby incorporated by
reference) which is;

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-98. Please add claims 99-118 as follows:

99. A method for arranging a desired number of activated windows of information for
display on a screen connected to a computer, wherein the desired number is the number of
activated windows to arrange for display on the screen in a particular format, and wherein the
computer activates windows, the method comprising:

identifying activated windows for display, wherein the number of activated
windows identified for display equals the desired number of activated windows to be
displayed in the particular format, wherein the desired number of activated windows